

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 24 and bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--The position control for the head 3, effected along these axes, enables the head to reach any position of the sheet, along any trajectory. The numerical control unit 2 also controls the head movements about another two axes, i.e. rotation of the cutting head 3 about the axis 9 in a direction indicated by the arrows in Figures 5 and 6, to enable cuts such as that shown in Figure 2 (i.e. diagonal cuts) to be made, and rotation about an axis 10 perpendicular to the axis 9 (Figure 1) to enable cuts to be made with their edge inclined to the upper and lower surface of the sheet.--